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chauncels of those churches, may speedely be repayed, which by impropriation are come vnto her, and that a yearly stipend may be appoynted for seruing the cure thereof: for now in many places, both the chauncels are fowly fallen down, and the ministry of the church is destitute, because of the smalenes of the stipend.

The Bishop shall see, that a true inuentory, and (as they call it) a terrey, of all the landes, meadowes, gardens, orchardes, which belong to any parsonage, or vicarage, be taken by the bewe of honest men, and be layd by in his treasure of euidences, for a perpetuall memorie thereof.

The Bishop shall not suffer the farmer of any benefice, to haue any authoritie ouer the minister of God, that he may either admitte or reject him. Neyther shall the minister take lesse, then x. poundes for hys stipend.

All matrimonies, which any where are contracted within y degrees of consanguinity or affinity, forbidden in the xviii. of Leuiticus, shall be dissolued by the authoritie of the Bishop: but especially, if any man, hys first wife being dead, shall take her sister to wyfe: for this degree, by common consente, and iudgemente of learned men is thought to be forbidden in Leuiticus.

It shall not be lawfull for any man, to mary within those degrees, which are forbidden in the table witten, and published for that ende, by the reuerend father in God, the Archbyschop of Canterbury.

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The forme of the sentence of excommunication.



Brethren, because all we whiche doe professe the name of Christ Iesu, are members of one body, & it is meet that one member should feele and suffer the grieve of an other member: by reason of mine office I signify vnto you, that A. B. is openly accused of adultery, wherein, the report is, that he hath liued wickedly, and filthily, to hys shame and infamie, and greuous offence of the church of God: and for that cause he is cyted to the bishops consistory, that his notorious disorder may some way be punished. And because the foresayd A. B. through guiltines of his wickednes hath contemned to appeare at the day lawfully named, and stubbornely hath withdrawne himselfe from Justice, and by hys example hath harted others to the lyke stubbornes: therefore, this I further warne you, that

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